

INTRODUCTION... TURN TO ZECHRIA 4

- Before I get into our message, I want to talk about a new ministry we are partnering with through Love San Clemente
- It's called Feed The Kids and they are launching a pilot program at Las Palmas Elementary School
- What we discovered is there are 153 kids registered as homeless at Las Palmas, 10 that are severely food insecure... meaning their only source of food is the free food they get at school... on weekends they don't eat
- Feed The Kids provides them with enough groceries to get through the weekend, every week for the entire school year
- If you would like to help, you can join the Love San Clemente group on our website and you can get informed on what is needed
- We have a list of food donations we need, we are picky because it's for the kids
- Love San Clemente is planning to expand this to all the schools in San Clemente and we will need help packing and delivering bags to schools
- If you're interested see Randy Peykoff

The Message today is What The Spirit is Saying for 2024

- At the end of each year, I ask the LORD to speak to me concerning the coming year
- Before I share what the LORD gave me for this year, I want to recap how the LORD has directed us starting in 2020
- [VIDEO] SHOW RECAP VIDEO

[SLIDE 2] In 2019 the LORD said 2020 would be a year of storms

- He said it would not be a year of clearer vision, but a year of tested vision and that is the year COVID took the world by storm
- **[SLIDE 3]** Churches were tested, faith was tested, our entire congregation changed, many left and have never returned

[SLIDE 4] In 2020 the LORD said 2021 would be a year of decision and demonic deception

- **[SLIDE 5]** Churches were taken to court for worshipping the LORD during COVID
- President Trump was impeached
- First Amendment rights were attacked in court

- Deception through the media was so extreme it was almost comical... Modern Science declared there are 6 sexes, a US Senator said God is a female, Pregnant women are now called Birthing People

[SLIDE 6] In 2021 the LORD said 2022 would be a turning point year

- A year of shifting... a year of positioning
- The most significant turning point was Roe V Wade being overturned
- The legal battle over Abortion shifted to the States

[SLIDE 7] There were “Seismic Shifts” in persecution

- Shifts in weather patterns
- Strategy Shifts in policies
- Political Shifts in nations and in our country
- There huge shifts in the global church as 259 churches left the United Methodist Denomination in Texas over Same Sex Marriage and Abortion

[SLIDE 8] We saw positioning of leaders

- Netanyahu becoming Prime Minister of Israel
- Elon Musk purchasing Twitter
- The death of the Queen of England
- The invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the overnight rise of Zelinsky

God also told us there would be lots of weddings in 2022

- We were blessed to see more weddings in 2022 than any other time in the history of our church... 4 weddings in total

[SLIDE 9] In 2022 the LORD said 2023 was a Jubilee Year

- It will be a year of salvation (redemption), forgiveness (reconciliation) and a year of returning to family
- A year of spiritual hunger and openness to the gospel
- A year of release from bondage and spiritual oppression

[SLIDE 10] IMMEDIATELY God began to fulfill His Word

- January 4, Damar Hamlin suffers a heart attack and drops on the field
- Immediately both teams stop the game, come together and pray
- ESPN Dan Orlovsky prays for Damar Hamlin live on-air
- The message from Damar’s teammates was family is important

- During Prayer Week, God spoke to me and said the believers are not inviting the unbelievers to church, so I am going to send them to you
- I told my wife just before our Saturday morning prayer and she immediately prayed... LORD SEND US UNBELIEVERS
- As soon as she said AMEN, the doors burst open and in ran this young lady and she said I'm lost, I need Jesus and I was sent here
- We prayed with her and led her to Christ
- We've seen a tremendous spiritual hunger in people
- **[SLIDE 11]** This year the Asbury Outpouring Broke out (February 2023)
- Over 4000 people baptized at Corona Del Mar from over 300 churches
- Then Harvest baptized over 4500 people after the Harvest Crusade
- The Jesus Revolution Movie was released
- We've had people fly from Virginia, New Jersey and Wisconsin to come and receive prayer at our Afterglow service
- But the LORD also told me it would be a year of loss
- No one could have ever anticipated the attacks on Israel by Hamas that has resulted in thousands of lives lost and brutally tortured

This year for 2024, the LORD brought me to Zechariah 4

Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)

'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

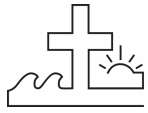
- To give you some background on this prophetic word
- Zechariah is ministering during the time of Ezra, when Zerubbabel was sent to rebuild the Temple with the help of Joshua the High Priest
- When they arrive they encounter incredible opposition by Samaritans who settled in Jerusalem
- God sends the prophets Zechariah and Haggai to encourage Zerubbabel and Joshua
- God gives Zechariah 8 visions about the Messianic Kingdom, the Kingdom established by Jesus when He returns in His second coming
- The fourth vision is a 2 part vision
- The first part of the vision focuses on a gold lampstand (Menorah)
- It has a golden bowl on top of it with 7 pipes to the 7 lamps
- Zechariah asks... what are these?

Zechariah 4:5–10 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." ⁶ So he answered and said to me: "This *is* the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. ⁷ 'Who *are* you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' " ⁸ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁹ "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish *it*. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. ¹⁰ For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

- NOW... the Bible gives us insight on the meaning of Zechariah's vision
- In Revelation 1 John receives a vision of Jesus in the midst of seven lampstands (a Menorah) which represents the Church
- **[SLIDE 12]** The Menorah represents the complete revelation of the Church in the natural realm (7 is completion in the natural realm)
- Next to the Menorah are 2 Olive Trees (olive trees represent Israel)
- The LORD is giving Zechariah a picture of the relationship between the Church and the Nation of Israel
- There is a mystery to be revealed in the 2 Olive Trees which we will get to in the 2nd part of this vision
- **[SLIDE 12]** NOW.... In the Holy Place, the Menorah (the only source of light in the Tabernacle) was directly across from the Table of Shewbread with 12 loaves representing Israel (people of the Presence of God)
- The Church is a light to Israel pointing to Messiah who is Jesus
- Above the Menorah in Zechariah's vision is a Golden Bowl that feeds each of the 7 lamps... we will get to this in a moment
- Zechariah asks the angel... what are these? What am I looking at?
- The angel answers... not by might, nor by power but by My Spirit
- First, Zechariah you can't build the Temple in your own might and power
- It is a work of the Spirit
- Furthermore, I am doing a greater work
- I'm going to unite the Church and Israel in my Millennial Kingdom and no man has the power to do it... it is a work of the Spirit
- The LORD tells Zerubbabel... don't despise small beginnings

The second part of this vision has to do with the 2 Olive Trees



- **[SLIDE 12]** The Two Olive Trees have 2 branches with oil dripping through 2 Golden drains into the 1 Golden bowl which feeds the 7 lamps
- The Oil Represents the Holy Spirit
- The Golden Bowl represents Jesus and the oil flows through Jesus to the 7 Lamps

But what are the 2 trees?

Zechariah 4:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ Then he answered me and said, “Do you not know what these *are*?” And I said, “No, my lord.” ¹⁴ So he said, “These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.”

Who are the two anointed ones who stand beside the LORD?

Matthew 17:1–3 (NKJV)

17 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

- In Revelation 11:4, there are 2 witnesses called the two olive trees and the two lampstands who stand before the God of the earth
- They demonstrate the power of Elijah (fire from their mouth, power to shut the heaven and stop the rain) and Moses (power to turn the water to blood and strike the earth with plagues)
- The 2 Olive Trees are Moses and Elijah who represent the Law and the Prophets (The Word of God)
- Notice, the oil flows from the Olive Trees (the Word of God through Israel) into the golden bowl (Jesus – the source of oil) and into the 7 Lamps of the Menorah (Church)
- That is the relationship between Israel and the Church
- Salvation, The Word of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit came through the Jews and the Holy Spirit empowers the Church to be a witness of Jesus the Messiah to the world

Now, there is a mystery of the 2 Olive Trees that I want to bring out

- **[SLIDE 14]** In front of Solomon’s Temple were 2 pillars, these 2 pillars stood beside the Holy of Holies where the Presence of God dwelled

- One was called Jachin (who was a Jew) and the other was called Boaz (a rich Jewish man who married a Gentile Bride)
- Thus the 2 pillars represent all believers... those who are True Israel (Governed by God) and those Gentiles who are grafted in because of their belief in Jesus the Messiah
- **[SLIDE 12]** Thus the 2 Olive Trees can also represent the 2 Golden Pillars in Solomon's Temple... Jachin and Boaz
- One representing the Line of Abraham, Issac and Jacob
- The 2nd representing all Gentile believers in Messiah who through Jesus have been grafted in to Israel

Here's the big picture...

- Zerubbabel was worried about the rebuilding of the Temple because of the opposition he was under
- The LORD comforted Zerubbabel by telling him your enemies are going to be flattened, don't be so focused on building a Temple on earth
- I am doing something greater by My Spirit... I am building my eternal Kingdom that will unite Jew and Gentile
- And it's not by might, nor by power but it's by my Spirit says the LORD

With this in mind, this is what the LORD spoke to me for 2024

- **[SLIDE 15]** He said 2024 will be a year of reckoning, there will be a dividing line... economically, spiritually, governmentally, globally
- The works of the flesh, what is done by might or power will fail
- Only the work of the Spirit will remain
- There will be a sifting in the Body of Christ
- We will see ministries, churches, religious institutions fail because of unfaithful leadership
- But don't get caught up in the controversies, the conspiracy theories
- Don't be enamored with the big or despise the days of small beginnings
- The LORD is doing a greater work than building the kingdoms on earth
- The LORD is building His Eternal Kingdom, the Body of Christ
- Don't worry about opposition that comes as you obey God's Word
- The LORD will flatten your enemies
- Don't be so focused on building a Temple on earth that you miss the work of God's Kingdom that He is doing by His Spirit